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<b>To:</b> In re the Application of Toshihiko HIIKATA  Application No.: 10/614,197  Filed: July 8, 2003  <b>For:</b> METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING CRACKS IN HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE	<b>FOR FILING IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>    Group Art Unit: 2855  Docket No.: 116471
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**Examiner:** Exr. Miller **Facsimile:** (703) 872-9306**From:** James A. Oliff**Prepared By:** ldg **Number of Pages Sent (Including cover sheet):** 11**Comments:**

Prior to examination on the merits, please consider the following, for the above-identified application.

The following paper is attached:

- a. Preliminary Amendment (10 pages)

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